

MINUTES

—OF THE—

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Judson Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT COLUMBIA, HENRY COUNTY, ALA.,

On the 3d, 4th and 5th Days of Oct, 1879.

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OFFICERS:

Elder L. R. SIMS, : : : : : Moderator.

Elder D. ROGERS, : : : : : Clerk.

Brother JNO. T. DAVIS, : : : : : Treasurer:

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# MINUTES.

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COLUMBIA, HENRY COUNTY, ALA.,      }  
Friday October 3, 1879.      }

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Session of the Judson Baptist Association, met this day in the Baptist House of Worship.

At 11 o'clock a. m. the introductory sermon was preached to a large and attentive congregation by Elder A. L. Martin upon: "Growth in grace and knowledge." 2 Pet. 3:18.

Services closed by Elder W. M. Howel, of Ga.

At 12½ o'clock p. m. the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder L R Sims. Elder T E Langley, of Florida, led in prayer. Letters from the churches were read by brethren Howel and Langley, and the following delegates names enrolled:

*Abbeville*—A L Martin, W W Nobles and T A Trawick.

*Adaniram*—R M Hardewick, and R Hall.

*Beulah*—T H Trotter.

*Bluff Springs*—L T Medders and John Walters.

*Bethel*—D Rogers, M E Smith and James Price.

*Bethlehem*—T L Granberry and J A Campbell.

*Christian Grove*—Not represented.

*Concord*—Moses Brackin, jr.

*Columbia*—D B Blewitt, John W Anglen, Jno T Davis, and J L Williams.

*Ebenezer*—W L Weeks, R Wiggans and R Harris.

*Fellowship*—D Whidden and P H Askew.

*Gordon*—Not represented—no pastor.

*Hebron*—A J Armstrong and Charles N Granberry.

*Judson*—W C Gissendaner and W H Williams.

*Liberty*—N Parish, James Best and H Harper.

*Mt. Pleasant, (B.)*—J W Malone and S J Belcher.

*Mt. Pleasant (D.)*—D J Killingsworth.

*Mt. Ariel*—Seth Brigham.

*New Hope*—J B Herndon and Wm Y Fleming.

*Oaky Grove*—John Roney.

*Pilgrim's Rest*—F A Grimsley and James R Jorden.

*Pleasant Hill*—No letter. On motion received as representatives, James Chumney and Frank Elmore.

*Pleasant Plains*—A F Stanton and Levi Kirkland.

*Pleasant Grove*—S M Singletery, M V Capps, Armsted Armstrong, John H Spivey and Edman Roach.

*Shorterville*—L R Sims, H G Peterman, B G Fortson, B G Farmer and A McAlister.

*Smyrna*—W F Jordan and A Daughty.

*Sardis*—John H Davis.

*Tolbert*—Jackson Hodges and T B Roney.

*Walnut Grove*—J T Norris, Thos Robinson, T T Smith and A B Fowler.

L R Sims was elected Moderator, and D Rogers, Clerk, brethren Langley and Howel acting as tellers.

1 Called for Correspondence, and received from the Bethel Association, Ga., Elder W M Howel; from the West Florida Association, Elders T E Langley, A P Asherst, and brethren J Lynn, J M Stephens and W A Boone; from the Newton Association, M R Howel.

2. Appointed the following committees:

*On Divine Services*—The messengers of Columbia church, with brother E E Smith.

*On Finance*—A F Stanton, M V Capps and B G Farmer.

*On Deceased Ministers and Deacons*—J T Davis, J H Spivey and W F Jordan.

*On Nominations*—A McAlister, J H Davis and H G Peterman.

*On Documents*—A L Martin, Henry Williams and W C Gissendaner.

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#### RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

To the West Florida Association, L R Sims, Wm Brunar, John Walters, E Z Hatten and J Mendham.

*To the Newton Association*, Eld. A. L. Martin.

*To the Eufaula Association*, D Rogers and J W Malone.

*To the Bethel Association, Ga.*, A L Martin.

4. On motion the Report of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, was called for and read by Bro. J T Davis, and after remarks by brethren Spivey, Davis, and Martin the report was adopted as follows :

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In submitting this, our annual report, we would refer you to the report made by us one year ago, in which we recommended that the

Association be thrown into one evangelical and mission field, and that Bro. A L Martin be selected as the evangelist for said work, with the further recommendation, that pledges be called for to carry out said project. The said report was duly adopted, and pledges called for to carry out the work. On No. 13 of your proceedings, at the last session, the Executive Committee was authorized to employ Bro. Martin for any length of time they may agree upon. Now, as our committee has taken no active part in the premises, it is due to your body that we state our reasons for this seeming neglect of duty, and which we now proceed to do.

The recommendation of the committee before alluded to, contemplated employing Bro. Martin as an Evangelist for the whole time, and as the pledges were wholly insufficient to do this, even when supplemented by the amount which Bro. Sims might refund to the treasury on account of money turned over to him for investment in books, we deemed it best to make no effort to procure his services for a shorter time than was at first recommended. Pledges are not money, and usually a good large per cent. of them remain unpaid, from the fact they that are forgotten or overlooked by the parties pledging them. In our judgment the employment of an Evangelist for a short time in so large a field, and embracing so many churches, would have resulted in but little good, if not altogether fruitless.

In consideration, that the money pledged at your last session has not been used, and the further consideration, that said money was pledged for a special object, and for the proposed remuneration of a particular Brother, we recommend that said pledges, shall be considered as null and void, so far as they stand in the light of a claim against either the churches or individuals making them. And further recommend, that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the several amounts to individuals who paid their pledges in advance if, said individuals shall call upon him. In the absence of the latter recommendation it might seem like taking undue advantage of those who had paid, while others had been relieved from payment.

5th. On motion adjourned to meet, Saturday, 8½ o'clock A. M. Benediction by the Moderator.

COLUMBIA OCT. 3, 7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The delegates from the SABBATH SCHOOLS, of Judson Association, met in the Baptist house of worship. Bro. John T Davis was called to the chair, and Bro. Clark to act as Secretary.

The Chairman, explained in very appropriate remarks the object of the meeting. The Columbia Sabbath School then charmed the large audience with music led by Bro. J L Williams. Bro. W M Howel led in prayer. After singing, Bro. G B Farmer was introduced, and addressed the convention in a most happy and appropriate speech on training the young. Remarks were made by Bro. Foster, after which letters from the Sabbath Schools were read, and delegates names en-



rolled. On motion of Bro. Foster a committee was appointed to draft a constitution for the permanent organization of the convention. Adjourned to meet Saturday 1 o'clock P. M.

COLUMBIA, SATURDAY 8½ O'CLOCK.

1 Prayer by Bro. J W Malone. On motion of Bro. J T Davis, reading of the minutes was deferred to 2 o'clock p. m.

On motion, agreed to adjourn at 11 o'clock, for preaching.

3. The report on deceased ministers and deacons was read and adopted as follows :

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We, your committee, beg to report that it has pleased an alwise Providence to spare all of our ministers and deacons for the past Associational year. We have no deaths to record, for which we want to return our heartfelt thanks to Him, who has given them to us for another year of usefulness. May He imbue them with more zeal for the cause in which they are engaged, is our earnest prayer.

Respectfully submitted,	JNO. T. DAVIS,	} Com.
	JNO. H. SPIVEY,	
	W. F. JORDAN,	

4. The report on documents was called for, read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee finds nothing in the letter from the churches to report to your body, except that, Abbeville, Bethel and Harmony churches asks for the next session of the Association to meet with them.

Respectfully submitted, A. L. MARTIN, Ch'm.

5. PLACE OF NEXT SESSION.

On motion of F M Bunker, the Association will hold its next meeting at Abbeville, commencing on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1880.

6. The report on Missions was called for and read, and pending its adoption the body was addressed by brethren A L Martin, W M Howel, and John T Davis. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

If but a small part of the arguments which have been truthfully and faithfully written and placed in reach of our denomination had been read and heeded, it would not be necessary for your committee to do more than to give the statistical accounts of the rapid extension of the gospel, and its reception by those who are yet in darkness and the shadow of death. It is, however, true, that after all the efforts which have been made to interest all of our brethren in the extension of the gospel, yet there are many who, while they profess to love the Lord and the souls of men, do little for the mission cause.

In fact there are Missionary (?) Baptists, who disregard that command of Christ: "Go into all the world, preach the gospel to every creature." They give nothing for missions.

Nevertheless, a great and glorious work is being done through those of our brethren who regard it as a great privilege to make sacrifice and self-denials for Him who died for us. The Baptist denomination are doing a great work in the mission cause; but in making up a report of the work of the closing year, we have to report what has been done by other Associations—not our own.

The last reports show that Foreign Missions were never more prosperous. The English Baptists at their meeting in London, report the disbursement of \$230,000 with an increased interest among the churches at home.

The Northern Baptists, at the meeting of their convention in New York, report the expenditure of more than \$230,000, and the baptism of 18,000 converts from heathenism. At the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, Ga., the reports show that over \$50,000 had been collected and disbursed for Foreign Missions; and that continued prosperity had followed the efforts of the Missionaries.

The Alabama Baptist State Convention held at Birmingham last July, report \$1,381 collected last year for foreign missions.

In addition to what has been done in foreign fields by the Baptists of Alabama, a great and successful work has been done in the more destitute places in our own State. Brother T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary of our State Convention, has been greatly blessed in his evangelical work. The ten missionaries sent out under the patronage of the board of missions have been successful in their respective fields. A summary of their work shows the following: 1635 sermons preached; 424 addresses delivered; 10 churches constituted; 170 Sabbath schools organized; 2 Sabbath school Conventions; 73 prayer meetings; 267 baptisms in connection with mission work; 30 received by letter into pastorless churches; 882 churches visited; 95 preaching stations; \$175.05 collected for home missions; \$101.10 for foreign missions; \$346 for repairing churches.

From all directions, at home and abroad, the news comes to us of the mighty outpouring of God's spirit and the success of missions. Where once the people sat in heathen darkness 2,222 have in one place been baptised in one day.

Shall we, brethren, remain idle, and separate from the large Baptist family, or will we unite with the Baptist of our State, and with them enjoy the privilege of helping to preach the gospel to every creature. Respectfully submitted, D. ROGERS, Ch'm.

7th. Adopted the following Report on Nominations:—L R Sims, to preach the next *Introductory Sermon*. Dr Rogers, alternate. John T Davis, to write *circular letter*.

8. Adopted the following—

#### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOL.

The Committee on Sabbath schools submit the following report :—

1 This is one of the most important matters connected with the churches, the proper appreciation and treatment of which will, in our opinion, increase the influence and power of the church, and add greatly to the cause of religion.

2. In our opinion, this interest does not receive the attention it deserves. From session to session of our Association the subject of Sabbath Schools is discussed; the stereotyped report of the committee, when called for, is read, and adopted, and this is the last of it until next meeting of the Association. This matter is disposed of year after year in this formal manner, and has been so treated by each Association until not much is expected from the committee on Sabbath Schools, and each committee meet these expectations fully. They do *very little*, and generally *report less*.

3. Your committee, looking alone to the minutes of previous Associations, and letters from the churches before them, find but little interest manifested in this great auxiliary to the church. We recognize the fact that in all things, *religious as well as secular*, men are active to promote that in which they have a personal interest. With a few exceptions, we discover no active, live efforts to promote the Sabbath Schools, such as denote a strong personal interest in this behalf on the part of our church members.

4. Your committee would, if it is proper to do so, propound the following questions:—

1. Do the Pastors, who occupy the sacred stand, urge upon each church the necessity of keeping up a well organized Sabbath School:

2. Where Sabbath Schools are in operation, do the children of our members attend, or are they allowed to stay away :

3. Are the church members doing their duty? Do they go to Sabbath School with their children, and thus manifest by example their appreciation of its importance?

4. How are the Sabbath Schools conducted? Do the Superintendents study and strive to make the exercises bright and pleasant, so as to attract the children and hold them, or are they frolick and funeral like, making the children feel as though they were passing through a dread, solemn ceremony, instead of being in a pleasant Sabbath School to learn in cheerfulness and high hope the golden truths of the bible?

5. Your committee, in order to add to the efficiency of Sabbath School Committees in the future, would submit the following suggestions:—

1. That each Sabbath School Superintendent be, and he is hereby requested, to make out and forward to this committee, at least 20 days before each meeting of the Association, an abstract of his school, which shall contain :

1. The number of pupils enrolled, male and female.

2. The number of meetings of the School since last Association.

3. The books, catechisms or papers used in the school.

4. The number of teachers and how many of them are members of the church.



5. Whether their Sabbath Schools are kept up during the winter, and if not, the cause.

6. The number of Sabbath School children that belong to the church; and how many of them, if any, have joined since the last Association.

7. Such other information, not called for in the above, as the Committee may request, or they may deem necessary to furnish.

8. That it shall be the duty of the Sabbath School Committee to condense in such form as they deem best, all of the reports above mentioned, and submit the same, with whatever remarks or suggestions they see fit to offer, to the Association.

9. Your committee are pleased to report that since the opening of this meeting of the Association, a Sabbath School Convention has been held, looking to more perfect organization in this line, and from which we hope and believe much good will result.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BUNKER,

A. McALISTER.

NOTE.—The Committee on Sabbath Schools was appointed last year, and in making up a report was governed by the reports from the churches in 1878. The last reports are very encouraging.

CLERK,

9. The Circular Letter was read by brother John T. Davis, and adopted as follows:

#### CIRCULAR LETTER.

*“Scriptural Hope.”*—There are several principles or elements of the heart and mind which embody within themselves fountains of comfort and joy, or sources of annoyance and pain; and just as we develop and put in execution the one, or control and hold in subjection the other, to that extent are we made blest and happy, or vexed and tormented. Hope, when taken simply in a literal sense, and exercised alone with regard to temporal ends, is one of the most valuable attributes of the mind. It so differs from either wishes or desires in this, that it implies or carries with it an expectation of obtaining the good desired or the possibility of possessing it. The fruits and results of Hope are always pleasing and enjoyable, whereas wish or desire may produce, or be accompanied with, pain and anxiety. The desires and wishes of the heart are often treacherous, and frequently mislead us. They are unstable and transitory. Not so with Hope; for it carries with it a confidence and unyielding hold upon the object desired, or for which it labors and secures. All other elements of the mind which bear any similarity to this leading virtue, are hampered and trammelled by doubts and fears; but our hopes generate a confidence which is as unshaken as the faith which produces it. Hope then, standing out in such prominent array when discussed in a literal sense as compared with other elements of the mind, how sublime and estimable does it become when received from a scriptural standpoint. No one probably understood the importance of this cardinal principle, or the beauties which cluster around

it, better than did the Apostle when he made it the central figure in his bright and glorious trio of christian virtues—Faith, Hope and Charity.

Grace, as the gift of God, creates in the heart the germ of christian love. Faith, as the product of Grace, is exercised by the mind in its spiritual actions. Hope, as if unbidden and by its own volition, springs up in the human soul to blend in beautiful harmony and sublime array the two other leading graces of christianity.

The sublime and majestic triangular temple of christian virtues, conceived and reared by Paul as above alluded to, would tatter and fall if it were not for the cementing element of Hope, which stands out as a pinnacle of assurance as to their stability. The implantation of God's free gift of grace in the heart, is the harbinger of divine love. Faith being the product of this grace, through which the elect of God are saved, could not be exercised were it not for the influence of Hope, which acts as an anchor to the cable of faith, and grapples the shores of eternal deliverance. Love may fill the soul with pleasurable joys. Faith may lead us in the paths of duty, but Hope assures us of our eternal safety. Faith supplies the channel through which we view the joys of heaven, but Hope plants our affections there, and returns the assurance of our acceptance with the Father. Love and faith are the twin virtues which influence the christian on his pilgrimage to the blissful shores of eternity. Hope is the beacon light that invites him onward and draws him with unfaltering confidence to that happy abode. Well might the prophet have said: "the Lord will be the hope of his people," or the Psalmist have exclaimed: "Why art thou cast down, oh! my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God." I wish it was your privilege to witness at this moment, spread out before you on holy canvass, painted in spiritual colors and executed by divine hands, the comfort, the joys and beauties of the christians hope. It takes in the real features of heaven, as we are enabled through faith to comprehend them. The christian's hope lives, reigns and acts in mansions on high, to which its inspiring influences are constantly inviting us. Hope gives us the happy promise of meeting with loved departed ones, where the reunion will be complete and everlasting. Every child of God indulges some sort of hope, as to their acceptance with the Father. But if we would desire a foretaste of heavenly joys, to that extent to which it is our privilege to attain, we must cultivate and build upon that hope which sprang up in our hearts when Gods quickening spirit made us a child of His, and an heir of heaven. Let me admonish my brethern and sisters to-day, to take this element of Hope as the standard by which they will try themselves in connection with their acceptance before God. The love you feel may not be genuine because improperly planted in your heart. Your faith may be spurious and liable to break and part. But if your hopes of heaven are fixed and unshaken, you have an anchor to the soul both sure and steadfast, and the happy thought of knowing that your love and faith are of God.

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10. The following *Resolution*, offered by the Clerk, was adopted. Resolved that 2 delegates, (one minister, and one private member) be appointed to the Baptist State Convention, which meets at Greenville, Ala., July 14, 1880.

11. It was moved, and concurred in, that 2 o'clock be set for the election of delegates to the Convention. Bro. J. T. Davis requested, that when we meet at 2 o'clock, *special prayer* be made, that the Lord may direct us, in our mission work, our contributions, and all the work coming up before us. Adjourned to 2 o'clock, benediction by the Moderator. At 11 o'clock, Eld. T. E. Lang preached upon—*The Church, the Workmanship of God.*

2 o'clock Prayer by Bro. Jno. T Davis.

1. Read and corrected the roll of delegates.

2. Elected brethren L. R. Sims and A. McAlister delegates to the Baptist State Convention, and brethren A. L. Martin and J L Wilson Alternates.

3. Moved and carried that fifty dollars be sent to the State Convention.

4. The Treasurer's report was read by brother Davis and adopted as follows:

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

1878.	Jno. T. Davis, Treas. in act. with Judson Baptist Association.	
Oct. 5.	To bal. due Association as per last report . . . . .	\$ 2 70
	To cash rec'd of Finance Com. for Associational purposes....	22 75
	To cash received of finance committee for minutes.....	44 75
	To " " " " " Pledges.....	60 95
	" " " " " " foreign missions....	5 25
	" " " " " " for aged and infirm ministers...	20 30
	" " " " " " for home missions.....	10 60
	" " " " " " for Indian Missions.....	1 00
	" cash returned by D Rogers, Clerk.....	1 00
	" cash received on pledges in advance.....	6 50
	" cash received from Sabbath collection.....	25 85—\$ 201 65

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Oct. 5.	By cash paid J. W. Malone, (Missionary).....	\$ 20 00
	" " Brother Tyler, " .....	20 00
	" " E. M. Knowles, " .....	20 00
	" " M. Brackin, on motion.....	10 00
	" " D. Rogers, Clerk .....	25 00
	" " D. Rogers for expenses on Minutes.....	1 00
	" " J. W. Malone, balance .....	5 00
	" " Brother Tyler, balance, .....	5 00
	" " E. M. Knowles, .....	5 00—\$ 111 00

Balance brought down - - - - \$ 90 65

This balance is credited as follows: Aged and infirm minister's fund, \$20 30; Home Missions, \$10 60; Foreign Missions, \$5 25; Indian Missions, \$1 00.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. T. DAVIS, Treasurer.

5. Brother Sims, after returning his thanks to the Association for their kind offer to take the book on his hands, not sold, stated that

he would not require them to do so, that he was ready to return the money when called for.

6. A call was made for volunteers to preach in the most destitute parts of this Association and report their work to the next meeting of this body, leaving it to the Association whether to remember them for their work.

The following brethren had their names recorded for this work: L. R. Sims, D. Rogers, D. Whidden, J. W. Malone and Wm. Bruner.

7. The committee appointed last year to report the names of any young ministers in our bounds, who should be aided in obtaining an education, asked further time to report. The committee was continued, and granted until next session to report.

8. Adopted the following resolution of thanks, offered by F. M. Bunker:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Association are heartily tendered the brethren and friends of Columbia, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during the session.

9. On motion of brother Bunker, the Clerk was allowed \$25 00 for his services.

10. The following was read by brother Jno. T. Davis: "Will the brother Moderator ask brother J. A. Armstrong to state in open session, the grounds on which they expelled E. M. Knowles from membership in Hebron Church, and for the Association then, to say by their action, and place on record, whether or not the church acted right?"

At the request of the Moderator, brother Armstrong stated that Hebron Church expelled E. M. Knowles for declaring himself a Freewill-Baptist. The Clerk offered the following, which was loudly adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Association indorse the action of Hebron church in expelling E. M. Knowles from her membership.



It was moved and carried that pledges be taken, to be appropriated as the body may direct, and the following was subscribed:

## PLEDGES.

Abbeville.....	\$20 00	Jno. T. Davis.....	5 00
Bethel.....	5 00	Jno. H. Spivey.....	2 00
Bethlehem .....	5 00	B. G. Farmer.....	2 00
Columbia .. .....	10 00	J. L. Williams... ..	2 00
Ebenezer.....	1 00	W. W. Nobles.....	2 00
Fellowship... ..	5 00	A. Armstrong.....	1 00
Hebron.....	2 50	S. W. Singleterry.....	1 00
Harmony.....	2 50	A. F. Hatten.....	1 00
Judson .....	20 00	Ed. Roach.....	1 00
Mt. Pleasant. (B).....	5 00	John Roney, paid.....	1 00
New Hope.....	2 00	J. Mendhem.....	1 00
Pleasant Grove .....	10 00	J. F. Jordan.....	1 00
Pleasant Hill....	2 00	Sister Robinson.....	1 00
Sardis .....	5 00	S. W. Chandler.....	1 00
Shorterville .....	10 00	W. T. Johnson.....	1 00
Walnut Grove.. ..	5 00	D. Rogers.....	1 00
D. J. Killingsworth.....	1 00	Sister Huldah Rogers...	50
L. G. Clark.....	5 00	Sister Clara Rogers.....	50
Miss W C. Espy.....	5 00	Sister Margaret Knight...	1 00
Sister T. T. Smith....	5 00		
R. J. Reynolds.....	5 00	Total.....	\$150 00
Levi Kirkland, paid,....	1 00		

12. Adopted the following

## REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee, beg to make the following report:

For minutes.....	\$ 43 85
" Associational purposes.....	42 05
" Foreign Missions.....	7 00
" Aged and infirm ministers.....	15 35
" Home Missions.....	1 00
" Indian Missions.....	1 00
Total.....	\$110 25

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. F. STANTON, }  
M. V. CAPPS, } Committee.  
B. G. FARMER, }

13 Moved and carried that a collection be taken up for Bro. Elie Jordan, (deformed,) and 11,50 was collected for him, and on motion, one delegate from each church was requested to take up collection in their church, and send up the same to the next meeting of this body



for said brother. Adjourned to 11 o'clock, Sabbath. Benediction by the Moderator.

#### NIGHT SERVICES.

At night Bro. W M Howel of Ga. preached an able, interesting, and well prepared sermon, on *The origin, and perpetuity of the Church*. Text, Mat., 16:18.

Services closed by Bro. A P Ashurst of Fla.

#### SABBATH EXERCISES.

At 9 o'clock A. M. The Sabbath School Convention was called to order by the chairman, Jno. T Davis.

Minutes of Friday night read and approved. The Constitution was read, and adopted. On motion the present officers, continue in office until the meeting of the convention at Abbeville, on Friday night before the first Sunday in Oct. next. It was moved and carried that each Sabbath School send one delegate to the meeting of the convention at Shorterville on Saturday before the third Sabbath in May 1880. Each delegate is expected to make a verbal report of the condition of their Sabbath School. Other business was transacted, which space will not allow us to record.

CLERK.

At 11 o'clock Bro. Langley preached upon Isa. 63:1. '*Mighty to save.*'

After the sermon a collection was taken up amounting to \$20,25. After appropriate and feeling remarks by the Moderator; a hymn was sung while the brethren and friends bid each other adue, with the sad thought that when the Association meets again, we shall *not all* be there. Thus closed one of the most pleasant, harmonious, and we trust profitable sessions we have had for several years. Many of the churches have been revived and Sabbath Schools organized, and the blessings of God which has been visited upon our churches was manifest in the meeting of our body—not a jar, or discordant note was heard. Not a negative vote cast during the session, and while there were no speeches made to excite the brethren to give, and were requested by the Moderator to give only as they were *willing*, yet the contributions, are encouraging.

ELD. L. R. SIMS, Moderator.

ELD. D. ROGERS, Clerk.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
Abbeville .....	L R Sims...	Shorterville...	A T Lewis, Abbeville. 65-
Adaniram .....	B Herndon	Shorterville...	J S Barnett, Shorterville. 9
Bethel .....	D Rogers..	Baker's Hill	Leroy Wise, Baker's Hill. 2
Beulah ... ..	R Deal.....	Echo .....	G W Harris, Beaver Creek. 3
Bethlehem.....	J C Skipper	Dothan .....	S Holland, Headland. 7
Bluff Springs..	Wm Bruner	Columbia.....	E E Meadows, Gordon.
Camp Springs..	"	Columbia.....	Mark Deese, Columbia.
Concord .....	M Brackin	Headland.....	W J Kirkland, Headland. 3
Christian Grove	J Tyler.....	Kings .....	Berry James, Kings, 2
Columbia .....	L R Sims...	Shorterville...	J L Wilson, Columbia. 1
Ebenezer .....	Wm Bruper	Columbia.....	R Harris, " 3
Fellowship.....	R Deal....	Echo .....	H Wiggins, Abbeville. 3
Gordon .....			Sam'l Bowden, Gordon. 2
Hebron .....	S J Knowls	Headland ....	C N Granberry, Columbia 3
Harmony .....	Wm Bruner	Columbia.....	A L Hatton, Gordon, 2
Judson .....			W H Williams, Ft Gaines 3
Liberty .....	Wm Bruner	Columbia.....	E N Parish, Gordon. 3
Mt Pleasant(D)	S Willaford	Dothan .....	D J Killingsworth, B'vr C. 3
Mt Pleasant(B)	A L Martin	Abbeville.....	Thomas Espy, Kings. 2
Mt. Ariel.....	D Rogers...		R A Davis, Cotton Hill. 2
New Hope.....	J W Malone	Hilliardsville	A Starling, Shorterville. 3
Oaky Grove....	D Whidden	Abbeville.....	R S McKnight, Abbeville. 3
Pleasant Grove	A L Martin	Abbeville.....	J E Ward. " 5
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## STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DAYS of MEETING.									
	Baptized	Received by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Membership	For Minutes	For Associationl purposes	Aged and Minister's fund
Abbeville .....	9	1	2				58	2 50	\$	\$
Adairam .....	3	2	2				60	1 50	1 00	
Bethel .....	6	1	2	4	2		66	1 00	1 00	1 00
Beulah .....	2	5	3	4	1		72	1 50	2 25	
Bethlehem .....	17	6	4	7	6	2	141	3 00	1 50	
Bluff Springs .....	2	2					35	1 00	1 50	
Camp Springs .....	4			5	24	1	68	1 00	2 05	
Concord .....	3	5	3	5	6		99	1 50		
Christian Grove .....	4		2	6			42	1 00		
Columbia .....	5	3	3				82	2 00	\$ 12	5 00
Ebenezer .....	3	1	2				63	1 00		6 00
Fellowship .....	2		2				61	1 50		
Gordon, not represented.							14			
Hebron .....			2	8	1		37	1 25	1 50	
Harmony .....	4	2	5	1	1		35	1 00		
Judson .....	2	3	1	1	1		60	1 50	5 00	3 00
Liberty .....	28	8	9	1	1		171	1 50		
Mt. Pleasant, D. ....	1	4	1	4	3		45	1 50		
Mt. Pleasant, B. ....	8	1	1			1	61	1 50		
Mt. Ariel .....							17	1 20		
New Hope .....	4		2	3			63	1 50		2 00
Oaky Grove .....	1	2	4	7	8		64	1 50		
Pleasant Grove .....	22	2	2	2	1		125	2 00		
Pleasant Plains .....	4	1	1				88	2 00	75	
Pleasant Hill, no statistics							7	40		
Pilgrim's Rest .....	4	1	4	1	1		51	1 50	4 00	
Radis .....							60	1 00		
Smyrna .....	6		6	4			87	1 50		
Shorterville .....	13	9	5	1			105	2 50	\$ 11	1 00
Tolbert .....	10	1	3	2	8		78	1 50		1 00
Walnut Grove .....	1	4	7	2	1		47	1 50		

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. R. Sims, Shorterville; A. L. Martin, Abbeville; D. Whidden, Abbeville; R. C. Kirkland, Columbia; Wm. Bruner, Columbia; J. W. Malone, Hilliardville; David Rogers, Baker's Hill; S. J. Knowles, Headland; B. Herndon, Shorterville; M. Brackin, Headland; J. C. Skipper, Dothan; J. Tyler, Kings.

## LICENTIATES.

Robert Lee, Cotton Hill; Aris Armstrong, Dothen, M. Brackin, jr., Headland. Liberty Church reports three Licentiates, but gives no names.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Missions*—A. L. Martin, J. L. Wilson and J. L. Williams.

*On Sabbath Schools*—D. Rogers, M. B. Green and A. McAlister.

## COMMITTEE CONTINUED

To recommend young ministers who desire an education—A. L. Martin, Jno. T. Davis, T. S. Stapleton, B. A. Forrester and D. Rogers. Any young minister of our Association desiring aid in obtaining an education, would do well to correspond with any one of the above Committee before our next session.

CLERK.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Jno. T. Davis, A. J. Armstrong, B. A. Forrester, Columbia; T. T. Smith, A. B. Fowler, Smithville.

# ARTICLES OF FAITH

—OF THE—

## Judson Association.

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ARTICLE 1. We believe in the existence of one only true and living God, and that He has made Himself known to His people under the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and equal in divine perfection.

ART. II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. III. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestined them to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will.

ART. IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

ART. V. We believe in man's incompetency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own will and ability.

ART. VI. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

ART. VII. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

ART. VIII. We believe that nothing can separate the true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. IX. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that the true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that immersion only is baptism.

ART. 10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

ART. XI. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

ART. XII. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances, unless he is called of God, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and is in fellowship in the church of which he is a member.





